

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 15, 2006. The Applicants hereby cancel claims 12-23 without prejudice. The Applicants hereby present new claims 24-35, and assert that all of the new claims are consistent with the Office Action's stated "reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter" described on page 3 of the Office Action. The Applicants request allowance of all claims and issuance of a notice of allowance.

### I. NON-PRIOR ART MATTERS FOR CLAIMS 12-23 ARE MOOT

Since the Applicants have elected to cancel claims 12-23 without prejudice, the objections and rejections described in the Office Action are moot. To the extent that there were pending objections as to formalities, and rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112; the Applicants do not concede that the rejections and objections have merit. Instead, the Applicants cancel the claims without prejudice to speed along an early and prompt allowance of claims covering the Applicants' invention. The Applicants reserve their rights to file subsequent continuation and continuation in part applications without prejudice thereto.

### II. NO PRIOR ART MATTERS IN OFFICE ACTION

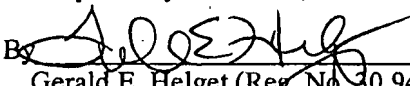
There were no prior art matters in the Final Office Action mailed September 9, 2006. The Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has withdrawn the rejection based on the *Douwens et al.* reference.

### III. REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS 24-35

For the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully request the allowance of all claims and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. To the extent that the Examiner does not agree that a notice of allowance should issue, the Applicants requests that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorney to discuss any issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

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